

# HEAVY WEEK FOR SOLONS

## Important Bills to Be Given Consideration.

### TONNAGE TAX MEASURE

It Will Bring the Mining People Here En Masse—Much Interest in Reapportionment—Child Labor and Jamestown Exposition Bills.

Not since the Legislature met here last fall to adjust the statutes in conformity with the new Constitution has there been such a busy week for the lawmakers as the one just now ahead, nor was the work mapped out for the body ever so important. This is true of the two houses proper, as well as of the various committees of each.

The House will dispose of the bill fixing the salaries of State officers to-morrow, and will at once take up the consideration of the omnibus revenue bill, which being upon the calendar as a special and continuing order, will consume the remainder of the week. Many of the provisions of the measure will be earnestly opposed on the floor, and a number of amendments are in prospect looking to reductions here and there. The bill will not be disposed of before the middle of the month.

The Senate calendar contains a number of important bills, and others of great moment are pending in the committees of both the upper and the lower branches. A schedule of some of the more important bills set for hearing before various committees of the two houses during the week as special and continuing orders are as follows:

Congressional reapportionment bill, House Committee Privileges and Elections, 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Toney municipal franchise bill, House Committee Privileges and Elections, 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Barksdale pure elections bill, House Committee Privileges and Elections, 10 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Whitehead tonnage tax bill, House Finance Committee, 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday.

Cabell child labor bill, Senate Committee General Laws, 8 P. M. Wednesday.

Jamestown Exposition bill, Senate and House Finance Committee, 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday.

Bills to create executive head for University of Virginia, and to incorporate Alumni Association of University, House Committee Schools and Colleges, 4 P. M. Thursday.

AND STILL THEY COME.

And even these are not all of the important matters that are scheduled to be considered during the week, but they are enough to keep things pretty lively while they are up.

One other of great interest is the report of the House Committee on Roads upon the very important subject of corporations, which has been completed, and which will be laid before the House committee on General Laws at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The congressional reapportionment bill—four in number—are going to cause a big fight, and it begins to look as if that of Hon. C. C. Baker, of Westmoreland, making the changes only in the First, Second and Third Districts, stands a good chance of passing.

Colonel B. E. Lee, Jr., will wage a big battle in favor of his bill, which re-enacts the present law and makes no change in any district.

The Toney franchise bill will bring a large number of city and town people here, and the tonnage tax measure will flood the city with southwestern people, who will come to oppose the tax on coal, iron and other minerals, as proposed in the bill.

The Jamestown Exposition measure will prove a drawing and until it is finally disposed of, and the University bills are of sweeping moment to those interested in higher education. The work promises to be a very lively one about the Capital according present indications.

Interesting Legal Point.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Jan. 31.—The injunction in regard to sawdust from a saw-mill, asked for by John M. Watson against Fred Mads and A. M. Thompson, as stated in the Times-Dispatch several days ago, was granted in the Circuit Court of Wythe by Judge Robert C. Jackson to-day. Mads and Thompson had

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# COUNCIL IS TO DECIDE

## Investigation Matter to Come Up To-Morrow Night.

### LIKELY TO BE DEFEATED

Also Probable That the Body Will Not Concur in the Resolution of the Aldermen Putting Out of Commission the City Tug.

Monday—Common Council, 7:30; Committee on Local Assessments, 7; Light Committee, 8 o'clock.

Tuesday—Finance Committee, 4; Markets Committee, 7:30.

Wednesday—Committee on Improvements of James River, 8.

Thursday—Grounds and Buildings Committee, 8 o'clock.

Such is the schedule of work mapped out for the members of the City Council this week.

When the Common Council convenes to-morrow night for the purpose of considering such matters as may have been referred by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence and passed upon by committees, a lively fight is expected over at least two matters in which the public is deeply interested. It will be up to the Council to say whether a committee of a single branch shall be closed with such authority as is now vested in a joint committee, and the fate of the city tug, Thomas Cunningham, Jr., will be decided.

CAN KILL MEASURE.

The Board of Aldermen at its last regular meeting passed unanimously a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the charter of Richmond to be submitted to the General Assembly, vesting in a committee of either branch of the Council such authority as is now enjoyed by a joint body. But this is a concurrent resolution, and the Common Council is at liberty to run down the proposition in the event it sees fit, and the charter will remain as it now is.

As has been before stated, the purpose of such an amendment to the charter is to close a corner of the terrible beast of Aldermen with authority to investigate certain alleged corruptions in the municipal government. At present such a body would have absolutely no power, and witnesses could not be compelled to attend nor to answer any questions propounded by the committee, as a result of which the long-sought investigation would amount to naught.

CHARTER AMENDMENT.

Mr. Allen succeeded in getting through the Board some two months ago a resolution authorizing the president to appoint a committee to investigate the alleged corruption in the body, but this action was reconsidered at a later date, and having developed that such a body would have no authority. The resolution calling for an amendment to the charter was offered in lieu thereof, and this was passed unanimously.

While a number of Aldermen express themselves as confident that the Common Council will concur, there seems little probability that such action will be taken, this body having twice recorded itself as being opposed to an investigation.

One of the members of the opposition in the Common Council is authority for the statement that the resolution from the Board will be wiped off the book to-morrow night, and it looks now very much as if he has summed the condition up correctly.

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# WEEDEN TELLS OF HIS BATTLE FOR LIFE

## Determined to Be the Master of the Tiger Goldie at All Hazards—A Chapter of Accidents to the Trainers of Fierce Animals



With his head in bandages, his face swathed in cotton wool, tied up with a piece of plaster, his hand and arm in sling and bandages, a coat that had been heavily stitched together, and looking more like a Rugby football player than a successful trainer of wild and savage animals, Mr. Hermann Weeden, who was so severely mauled by the tigress Goldie Thursday night, made his reappearance in the arena again the next day, in the face of the odds of his doctors, and the request of the managers. In response to inquiries as to whether he did not think he was courting danger again from such an antagonist, he simply smiled and said:

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